

Richard F. Sliwoski, P.E. (Rich)

Virginia Department of General Services Director

Richard F. Sliwoski, P.E., is the Director of the Commonwealth of Virginia's Department of General Services. Originally appointed as Director in January 2006 by Governor Kaine, he was reappointed by Governor McAuliffe in January 2014. Sliwoski manages the agency's more than 600 employees, four divisions, and eight business units. The agency is responsible for the renovation and construction of state owned facilities, the operation of a statewide electronic procurement system, analytical laboratory testing, the buying, selling and leasing of real estate properties, the management of a statewide fleet, and the selling of surplus property. Sliwoski oversees the agency with an annual operating budget of approximately \$238 million and construction projects in the millions.

Sliwoski's career in public service spans almost four decades. A professional engineer who is registered in Virginia, he has extensive leadership experience in managing major projects and helped spearhead the construction, renovation, and underground expansion of the historic Virginia State Capitol. Prior to his appointment, Sliwoski served for more than five years as the Director of the Division of Engineering and Buildings overseeing two bureaus, the Bureau of Capital Outlay Management and the Bureau of Facilities Management.

Sliwoski has served his country and is a former U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Officer. His last three active duty assignments were as the Deputy District Engineer in Norfolk; District Engineer in Philadelphia; and Deputy Director of the Army's Environmental Programs.

A native of Massachusetts, he has a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science in Civil Engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute, a Master of Business Administration from Xavier University, a Master of International Relations from Salve Regina College and a Master degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College. In 2003, he went to Slovenia and taught a course for the U.S. Treasury on the Capital Acquisition Process to representatives from Bulgaria, Kosovo, Serbia, Croatia, and Slovenia. He also has traveled to South Africa for the U.S. Treasury to review the Capital Program for that nation.

Sliwoski served on the Executive Committee and Board of Directors for the Council of State Governments, the nation's only organization serving all three branches of state government fostering the exchange of insights and ideas to help state officials shape public policy. In 2012, Sliwoski was selected to participate in the Council of State Governments Toll Fellowship Program. This prestigious program is one of the nation's premier leadership development programs for state government officials. Also, he serves as a representative on the Board of Directors for the Institute for Building Safety and Technology and is on the Board of Directors and the former Past President of the National Association of State Chief Administrators.